

Social Story™

Access and Inclusion
Advisory Group





What is a Social Story™ ?

A Social Story™ uses storytelling to explain new experiences and environments, helpful for people feeling nervous about attending a new place or event.

Here are some tips for using it:

- Start reading it about two weeks before your visit.
- If you're reading it with someone, highlight the key points together.
- After the visit, go through it again to reflect on the experience and celebrate achievements.



This Social Story™ has been written to assist people to prepare to attend a City of Mandurah's Access and Inclusion Advisory Group meeting.

It is also a handy guide to understand what happens during these meetings.



I can read this story before attending an Access and Inclusion Advisory Group meeting.



Access and Inclusion Advisory Group is shortened to AIAG.

Members of the AIAG help the City of Mandurah by providing advice and assistance regarding matters relating to:

- Strategies identified in the City's Access and Inclusion Plan
- Actions detailed in the Access and Inclusion Implementation Plan
- Access and inclusion issues within the boundaries of the City of Mandurah.



I will receive the meeting agenda by email at least one week before the meeting. If I prefer, I can ask for a printed copy.

The agenda is a plan that outlines what will be discussed and who will be speaking.



If I need support with the meeting agenda, a City of Mandurah staff member can go through it with me before the meeting.

I can choose to do this by phone, online, or in person. This can help me feel more prepared.



If I need help to attend the meeting,
I can bring my own support person
with me.



The meetings are held every two months, usually on a Thursday at 10am to 12pm.

The meetings are usually held at the Seashells Mandurah in the Conference Room.



There is one ACROD parking bay out the front of the venue. There is another to the side of then venue.

There are other parking bays next to the venue and across the road.



There is a hill from the car park to the venue entrance.

If I need help, I can contact the City of Mandurah before the meeting or call Seashells Mandurah reception at 9550 3000.



When I enter the venue the front reception area has an information desk.

I can ask for directions here, or I can move ahead to enter the conference room.



The conference room will be set-up with tables and chairs.

I can choose to sit wherever I like.

I can ask for help if I need to move chairs.

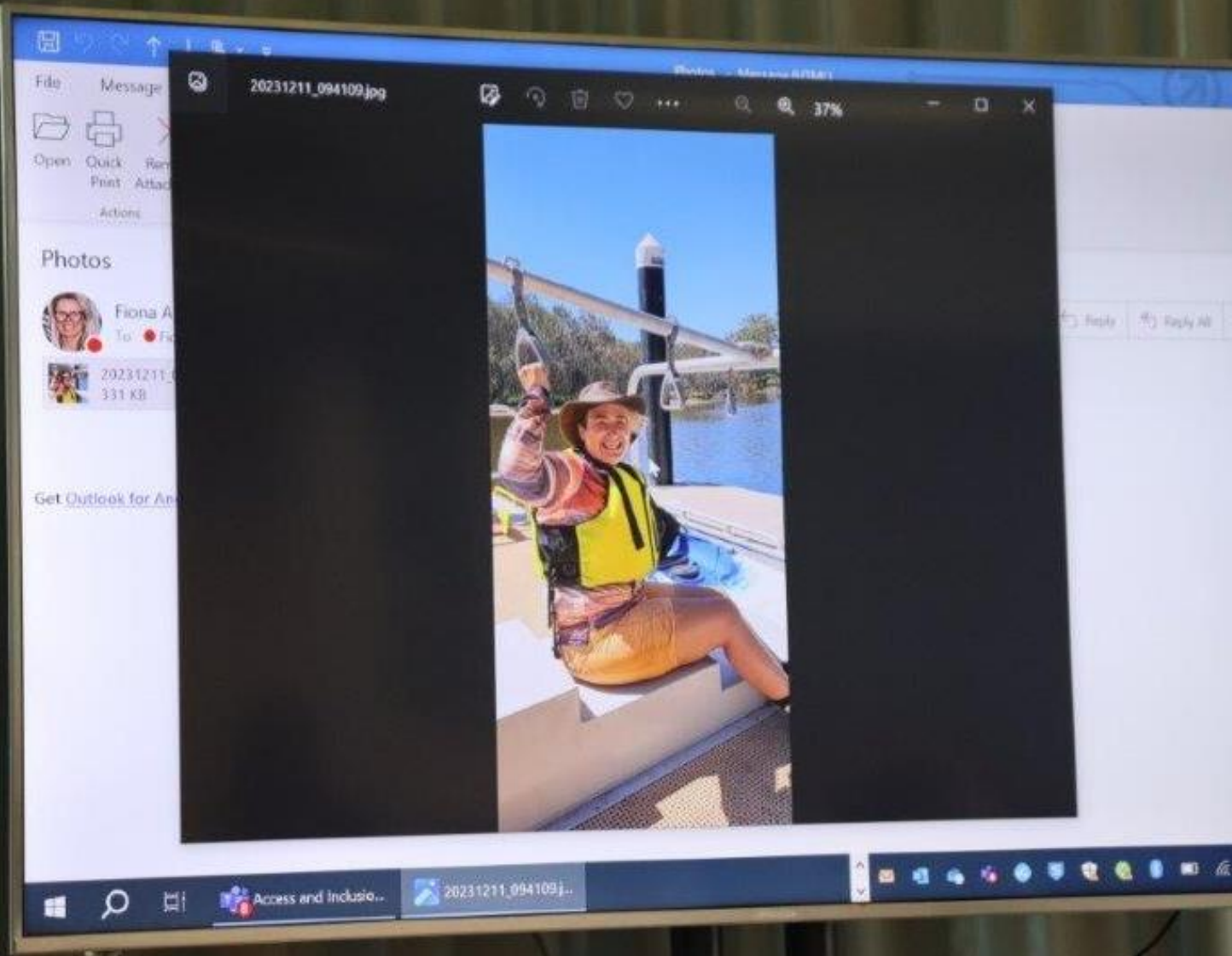


The meeting starts at 10am but I can arrive anytime from 9.45am.

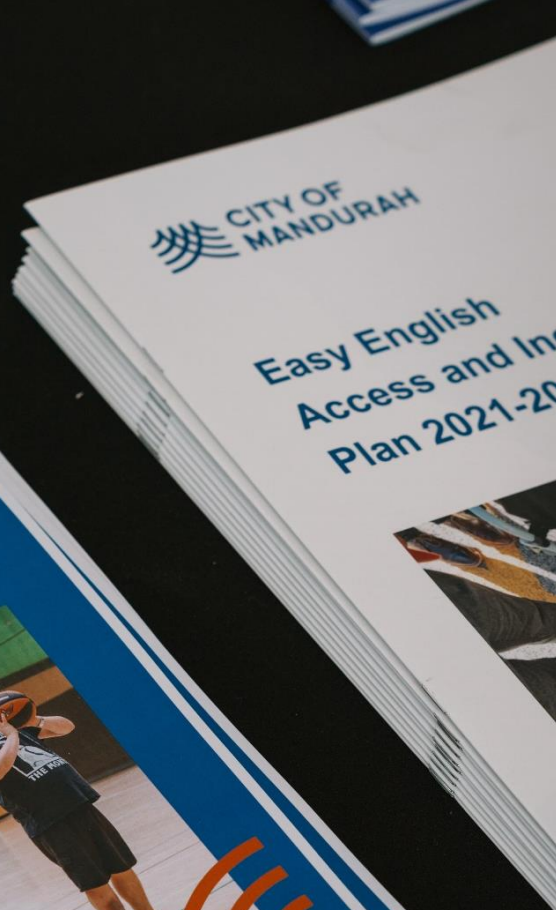
There is a coffee machine. I can have a cup of coffee, hot chocolate or tea if I want to.

Someone will help me if I need assistance.

There will also be cold water available.



There will be a screen with information on it about the meeting.



I will also get a paper copy of the documents I need for the meeting.



Mindful colouring sheets with pencils or markers will be available during the meeting. I can use them to help me relax and stay focused."



If I need to, I can use the fidget tools available at the meeting to help me feel calm and comfortable.



If I need a short break during the meeting, I can go to a quiet space outside the conference room.

I can take deep breaths and return when I feel ready.



Morning tea will be provided at the meeting for everyone to share.

There is usually fruit and cake. I can choose whether or not I want to eat anything.



There are male, female, and accessible toilets next to the conference room.

I can use them whenever I need to during the meeting.



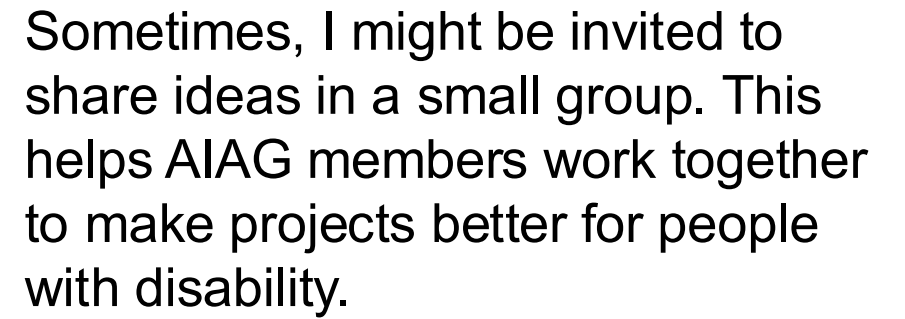
Sometimes, people will visit the AIAG meeting to talk about new City projects.

I can listen, ask questions, or share feedback to help improve things.



If I have a question during the AIAG meeting, I can ask when it's my turn.

Other people might have questions too, so we take turns to be fair.



Sometimes, I might be invited to share ideas in a small group. This helps AIAG members work together to make projects better for people with disability.



If I can't make a meeting, I will let the City of Mandurah know.

AIAG meetings are important because they help improve projects for people with disability.

Attending at least four meetings each year helps me stay involved.



Sometimes, AIAG members may be invited to visit places like parks and community buildings to share feedback on accessibility for people with disability.

These site visits are separate from regular AIAG meetings, and it is ok if I am unable to attend.



I can find out more information about the AIAG by checking the City of Mandurah website here:

[Access and Inclusion Advisory Group](#)

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For more information visit: accesshub.gov.au



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the City of Mandurah.**

